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Hague, May 16, N. S.

THE States of the Province of Holland having ſome Days ago paſſed a Reſolution in their Aſſembly to ſend the Penſionary M. Buys to Denmark, in order to terminate the Differences between that Crown and this State, and to renew the Treaty of Commerce; it was taken into Conſideration by the States General on the 13th Inſtant, and approved; ſo that M. Buys will ſet out very ſhortly for Copenhagen, being authoriſed to take on him the Character of Ambaſſadour when he ſhall judge proper, which it is ſuppoſed will be at Signing the Treaty: Which done, he will return hither, leaving the Care of the Affairs of this State at that Court to an Ordinary Miniſter, who is ſoon to follow him to Copenhagen, and who it is thought will be M. Fabricius, Penſionary of Purmerende. M. de Noortwick, of the Body of the Nobles, Preſident of the Gecommitteerde Raede, died this Morning.

Whitehall, May 6, 1724.

His Majeſty being deſirous, that in the Diſpoſal of Eccleſiaſtical Promotions, a juſt Regard ſhould be had to the Clergy in all Parts of the Nation, who are Perſons of good Learning and ſober Converſation, and of known Affection and Zeal for His Government; and that the Diſpoſition of the Benefices in the Gift of the Crown ſhould be put into ſuch a Method as may moſt effectually conduce to that End; hath been graciouſly pleaſed to declare, That henceforth when any Benefice with Cure of Souls which is in His own Gift, ſhall become Vacant, it ſhall be beſtowed upon ſome Clergyman qualified as above, who, at the time when ſuch Vacancy happens, ſhall be an Incumbent, or officiating Curate duly licenced, within the County, or at leaſt within the Dioceſe to which ſuch Benefice belongs; or elſe to ſuch Perſon in the two Univerſities as is a Native of ſuch County or Dioceſe, and ſhall be in Holy Orders at the Time when the Vacancy happens. And to the end the aforeſaid Rule may be punctually obſerved in the Diſpoſition of all Benefices belonging to the Crown, His Majeſty hath further ordered, That Entries thereof be made in the Offices of his two Principal Secretaries of State: And the Lord High Chancellour of Great Britain, upon His Majeſty's Recommendation, is determined to obſerve the ſame Rule in the Diſpoſal of ſuch Benefices with Cure of Souls belonging to the Crown, the Patronage whereof appertains to his Lordſhip's Office.

Whitehall, May 8.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the Right Honourable Henry Earl of Bradford, to be Lord Lieutenant of the County of Salop; and to be Cuſtos Rotulorum for the Counties of Salop and Montgomery.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the Right Honourable John Earl of Leiceſter to be Lord Lieutenant of the County of Kent, and City of Canterbury and County of the ſame.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint his Grace the Duke of Dorſet to be Cuſtos Rotulorum of the County of Kent, and City of Canterbury and County of the ſame.

Whitehall, April 25, 1724.

Whereas Lancelot Jordan, Surveyor of the Cuſtoms at Lyme, was, in his Journey from thence to Dorcheſter, on the 11th Day of March laſt paſt, aſſaulted on the Highway between Hendon and Shaftsbury, by ſeveral Perſons on Horſeback and on Foot, ſuppoſed to lie in Wait for that Purpoſe, who knocked him off his Horſe, whereby he was very much bruiſed, and fired a Piſtol at him; For the better diſcovering and bringing to Juſtice the Perſons concerned in the ſaid Aſſault, His Majeſty is graciouſly pleaſed to promiſe to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall diſcover and apprehend, or cauſe to be apprehended the ſaid Offenders, or any of them, a Reward of Fifty Pounds, to be paid on his or their Conviction, by the Receiver-General of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms; And His Majeſty is likewiſe pleaſed to promiſe His moſt Gracious Pardon to any Perſon concerned in the ſaid Crime, who ſhall diſcover any of his Accomplices (except the Perſon who knocked the ſaid Jordan off his Horſe) ſo as they or any of them be apprehended and convicted.

TOWNSHEND.

Office of Chelſea Water-Works, May 8, 1724.

Whereas a General Court of the Governour and Company of Chelſea Water-Works was held the 16th Day of April laſt, at Ten a Clock in the Forenoon, at Bertram's Coffee-houſe in Church-Court in the Strand, near Hungerford-Market, and was adjourn'd to Wedneſday the 20th Inſtant; This is therefore to give Notice, that the General Court will be held accordingly, on Wedneſday the 20th Inſtant, at Ten a-Clock in the Forenoon, at the above-mention'd Place.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
John Armfield, *Secr.*

All Perſons who are willing to contract with the Commiſſioners for the Rebuilding the Pariſh Church of St. Botolph Biſhopſgate, are deſired to bring to William Territt, Clerk to the ſaid Commiſſioners, at his Houſe in Hand-Alley without Biſhopſgate, a Plan and Eſtimate ſealed up of what they Propoſe, on or before the 18th of this Inſtant May, 1724.

Truſtees-Office South-Sea-Houſe, May 8, 1724.

Notice is hereby given, That the Subſcrib'd Scots Equivalent Stock, part of the late Eſtates of Sir John Fellowes, Bart. late Sub-Governour of the South-Sea-Company, Edward Gibbon, Francis Haws, Robert Cheſter, and Richard Houldiſch, Eſqrs; late Directors of the ſaid Company, and of Mr. Robert Knight, late Caſhier of the ſaid Company, will be expoſed to Sale by Cant or Auction, in the Hall of the South Sea Houſe, on Friday the 15th Inſtant, at Ten in the Forenoon.

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